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IN THE DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to with respect to claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61. Claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61 will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated 23 August 2004, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 23-31 and 36-65 are pending in the application. Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 are allowed. Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 were rejected, and will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 remain pending in the application, and these claims are not amended herein.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims. The Office Action indicated that claims 26-28, 36, 37, 39-46, 51-53, 55-58, 63, and 65 are allowed.

Objection to the Drawings

The Office Action objected to the drawings with respect to claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61. Claims 23, 25, 29, 30, 38, 47-49, 50, 54, 59, and 61 will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment.

Rejection under §112

Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Claims 23-25, 29-31, 38, 47-50, 54, 59-62, and 64 will be canceled upon entry of the present amendment.

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CONCLUSION

The applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 612-373-6973 to discuss any questions which may remain with respect to the present application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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